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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

In telephone conversations with Mr. McCone on 31 March and 1 April, the following items were covered:

31 March

1. The DCI was informed of the Guatemala coup.
2. US restrictions on Cuban exiles in Miami and the UK roundup of Cuban exiles and equipment (and Sen. Smathers) in the Bahamas.
3. News report that Bowles will replace Galbraith.
4. Looming crisis in Brazil, growing from Goulart-Lacerda struggle, has abated. Solidarity congress ended Saturday evening.

Actions:

In later discussions with General Carter, DCI asked for status report on the [] mission and for DDI to assess the impact on the flow of information of the restrictive actions taken against the Cuban exiles.

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1 April

1. Situation in Syria. Pro-Nasir demonstration. Growing dissension in Syrian army high command. Good possibility of coup. Nasir apparently seeking a showdown. DCI inquired about events in other parts of Middle East, particularly Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Told him Bunker would see Nasir today then go to Saudi Arabia. Told him of [] coup plot. Faysal's statement that Egyptian arms had been dispersed from Jidda garrison and that we had reports that Saudi arms supplied to Yemen royalists are being sold in turn and are finding their way back to Saudi bazaars.

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2. Cuba. Balkal left Saturday with 300 Soviets. Nikolaevsk arrived Sunday; Kalinin due Wednesday. Non-Soviet tents and equipment at Soviet camps.

3. Guatemala quiet. Ydigoras flown to Nicaragua; Arevalo reported in Mexico.

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4. Israeli intelligence service chief sacked. Mrs. Meir hangs on.

5. [REDACTED]
CORONA shot set for 6 p.m. EST today.

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6. Gave DCI status report on [REDACTED] findings. 25X1A

Actions:

A. All aspects of Saudi Arabian arms situation to be summarized and sent to Bunker. [REDACTED] notified) 25X1A

B. All info, including COMINT, relating to Soviet transfer of installations and equipment to Cubans to be fully reported. (Sheldon notified)

25X1A C. [REDACTED] to inform DCI immediately upon results of today's CORONA shot.

D. Re problem with deliveries of medical goods to Cuba, DCI directed that Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association be fully informed and warned of consequences if problems continue. DCI said this could best be done through Edward Foley, General Counsel of PMA. (Houston notified. He will take action through [REDACTED] who is with [REDACTED] in New York. In subsequent phone conversation, DCI asked General Carter to confer with Attorney General on this subject).

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